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## **Holiday Schedule for Independence Day, Monday, July 4**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Independence Day, Monday, July 4.

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed

**County Liquor stores** – all County liquor stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Deliveries will be made as normal; but there will be no pickups

**Recreation** – the Germantown Indoor Swim Center will close at 3 p.m., all other aquatic facilities will close at 6 p.m.; swim lessons will meet as scheduled; administrative offices, senior centers and community recreation centers will be closed

**Montgomery Parks** - For holiday schedule, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org)

**Ride On** – Will operate on a Saturday schedule

**Metrorail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights)** - closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no July 4 collection. Collection will slide by one day. For information on slide schedule go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays/>

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** - closed

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices and courts** – closed

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## **Residents Invited to Participate in Live Online Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett**

**Tuesday, June 28 2:00pm-3:00pm**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a “virtual” town hall meeting and County residents may submit questions for Mr. Leggett before and during the chat. Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat. For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

**[Submit Your Questions](#)**

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## County to Host Fireworks Displays in Germantown and Kensington

Montgomery County will again host two Independence Day fireworks displays on July 4 - - - ***Germantown Glory*** at the Maryland SoccerPlex in the South Germantown Recreational Park, 18041 Central Park Circle, Germantown (Boyds) and ***Mid-County Sparkles*** at Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Road, Kensington.

***Germantown Glory*** will kick off at 7:00pm with a concert by Quiet Fire, a soul, R&B and rock band that covers hits from the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

***Mid-County Sparkles*** begins at 7:30pm with a concert by Gringo Jingo performing the best of Santana. Only handicapped parking is available on-site.

Low lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are welcome at both events. Food vendors will be on site. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. The rain date for fireworks only is July 5.

Both fireworks displays will begin at approximately 9:15pm.

Sign language interpreter services and other auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) full business days before the event. To request special accommodations, contact a therapeutic recreation specialist at 240-777-6870 or email [rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For more information and event updates text MoCoJuly4 to 888777, call MC311 at 311 or 240-777-0311 or go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec).

## *Other Independence Day Celebrations in the Northern Part of the County*

### **Gaithersburg**

Bohrer Park at Summit Hill Farm  
506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg  
Fireworks show 9:30pm

Gaithersburg's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration has a new home. Festivities start at 11am with a variety of activities concluding with a fireworks show at approximately 9:30pm. *Note that the Water Park will be open for the exclusive use of City residents and aquatics members only on July 4.* For more details, visit <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/independence-day>

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### **Poolesville**

Soccer Fields at Hughes and Sugarland Road, Poolesville  
5:00pm-10:00pm

Celebrate America's big day in Poolesville. Live music, food trucks, fireworks display. For more details, visit <http://umcvfd.org/poolesville-traditional-4th-of-july-fireworks-event/>

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### **Annual "Celebrate Damascus Parade & Fireworks"**

Friday, July 8

Parade starts at 7:00pm, rain or shine

Fireworks start at 9:15pm (rain date for fireworks only is July 9)

If questions, contact the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.'s non-emergency number, 301-253-3913

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## *Heritage Montgomery Presents . . .*

### **Heritage Days 2016**

**Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26 12:00n-4:00pm**

*celebrated at 30+ sites all around Montgomery County*

Visit over 30 parks, museums, and historic sites all across Montgomery County open with FREE Admission and highlighting local history, culture, and outdoor recreation with children's activities, music, food, and fun!

Browse the brochure for more details. [Heritage Days 2016 Brochure!](#)

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**Zika Virus Town Hall Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 29 6:30pm-8:00pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**



### ***Learn about the County's Plan for Fighting the Zika Virus!***

Residents are invited to a town hall meeting to learn about the County's plan for fighting the Zika Virus and what individuals can do to protect themselves and their families. County Health Officer Dr. Ulder Tillman, Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Earl Stoddard, Ph.D. and Department of Environmental Protection Division Chief for Environmental Policy and Compliance Stan Edwards will outline the County's action plan and provide information on steps residents can take to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites.

A question and answer session will follow the briefing. For more information, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito/zika.html>

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## **County to Hold Lottery for Farmer's Market Coupons for Low-Income Seniors; Limited Number of Coupons Available**

A **limited** number of free farmer's market coupon books worth \$30 will be distributed by lottery to low-income seniors in Montgomery County on Thursday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m. The coupon books are available to Montgomery County residents age 60 years and older whose income is less than \$21,978 (family of one).

The coupons may be used at farmer's markets in Montgomery County and participating markets in the District of Columbia until November 1, 2016.

The lottery for the coupon books will be held at the following locations:

- Elizabeth House, 1400 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- Gaithersburg Senior Center, 80A Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, MD 20901
- Long Branch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901
- Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
- Waverly House, 4521 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814

For more information, call 240-777-3810.

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## Public Meeting

### MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC INPUT ON UPDATES TO PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Thursday, July 7 7:00pm  
Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center  
7120 Contee Road, Laurel 20707

[Montgomery Parks](#) and Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Departments, which are part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, are inviting the public to provide input on proposed revisions to the Commission's Park Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations were last updated in March 2001, and are being revised to better reflect today's use of the parks, facilities and amenities.

A draft of the new rules and regulations is currently available at [www.mncppc.org](http://www.mncppc.org). The public may provide comments and questions at the meeting, or via email at [commentonparkrules@mncppc.org](mailto:commentonparkrules@mncppc.org), or by mail to:

M-NCPPC  
c/o Rules and Regulations Review Committee  
6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 200  
Riverdale, MD 20737

Public input will be considered before the Commission enacts new rules and regulations.

A sampling of the activities covered by the rules and regulations includes:

- **Commercial activities in parks**
- **Unpermitted regular use of athletic fields**
- **Hours of operation for trails**

*Oral, written and online comments to be accepted through 5:00pm on July 1, 2016.*

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### Community Recreation Center Named in Honor of Dedicated Community Leader Nancy H. Dacek

The new community recreation center and senior center located at 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville has been officially named the Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center.

The facility is named in honor of the late Nancy H. Dacek who served as a 12-year member of the County Council representing Upcounty, District 2, from 1990 until 2002. Following her service to Council she served for more than a decade on the Montgomery County Board of Elections appointed by Governors Bob Ehrlich and Martin O'Malley.

The new facility, scheduled to open this fall, will be a full-service community recreation center and senior center. The center, located on 17 acres, will include a gymnasium, exercise room, social hall, kitchen, senior/community lounge, arts/kiln room, game room, and more. The Recreation Department continues to work with the community to develop a broad schedule of programs, activities and services.

The Departments of General Services and Recreation will announce the date for the public ribbon-cutting ceremony at a later date.



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## **Public Hearing**

### **Zoning Text Amendment 16-06 – Prohibited Signs -Public Rights-of-Way**

**Tuesday, August 2 1:30pm  
County Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

*Council sponsors say they are both a safety hazard and an eyesore.*

This ZTA would prohibit all temporary signs in rights-of-way and would specify enforcement procedures. All private temporary signs in Montgomery County's public rights-of-way are illegal. The current code allows for such signs by permit, but the Department of Permitting Services has no applications or permits on file. Councilmember believes that the possibility of a limited duration sign by way of a permit only complicates any enforcement action. Adding enforcement actions in the code will provide notice to potential violators of the consequences of their actions.

ZTA 16-06 would delete the entire category of signs called "limited duration signs." Such signs on private property would continue to be allowed as a "temporary sign." Temporary signs would be redefined to be restricted only by the type of material used and not the duration of the sign.

Under current law, a sign in the right-of-way is prohibited, except for signs erected by a government agency or utility company in the performance of its public duties.

As a general rule, the right of way extends 10 feet beyond the curb. A median is always in the right of way. Currently, there are no permits issued for signs in rights-of-way. Under the proposed ZTA, permits would not be issued.

Violations for erecting signs under the proposed law would Class A civil violations. The fine for a first offense would be \$500. Each violation thereafter would incur a fine of \$750. Each day of violation is a new offense.

More information on ZTA 16-06 is available at <http://tinyurl.com/z46hnr4> .

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## **Montgomery County Honors a True Community Servant at Annual Juneteenth Celebration**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett recently hosted the County's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration that included a presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual African American Living Legend Award to Delores Lincoln-Willis. Ms. Lincoln Willis dedicated her life to service and selfless acts of kindness to their community. The Montgomery County, Potomac Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. nominated Ms. Lincoln Willis for her work as an organizer, mentor, photographer, philanthropist and a true servant.

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## **The County Recovers Unpaid Wages for 318 Contractor Employees**

The Montgomery County Office of Procurement announced the recovery of \$300,070.18 in unpaid wages for 318 individuals employed by five different service contractors engaged in contracts with the County. This unprecedented recovery of unpaid wages, secured during the first six months of 2016, was made possible through the office's enforcement of the County's Wage Requirements Law (WRL), also known as the "living wage law" and the enhanced, ongoing auditing service of the Procurement office.

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## **“Summer of Safety” Public Safety Awareness Campaign Returns; County’s 2016 Edition Provides Expanded Online Tips and Resources**

On June 20, Montgomery County premiered an expanded version of its seasonal information and prevention online resource with the launch of **“Summer of Safety A to Z.”**

The Summer of Safety A to Z (SoS AtoZ) campaign provides essential safety information to the public throughout the summer months via social media channels, a County webpage and community outreach events and activities. Safety message tweets with #MoCoSafety will be sent from the Montgomery County and other County departments’ tweeter feeds to alert followers to critical safety information available on the SoS AtoZ website or other trusted sources. All the information is arranged in alphabetical order--from the **Alert** Montgomery emergency warning system to updated **Zika** virus information. SoS AtoZ specialized safety Information will also appear in the County’s Paperless Airplane emailed newsletter.

The goal of the campaign is to improve safety by raising awareness about common summertime risks and provide a single County department-unified information resource for ways to reduce or prevent those hazards.

Summer is a highly-anticipated season when children and adults can engage in biking, swimming, playing, grilling, hiking and traveling. The campaign will provide safety tips, videos, quizzes and other resources to educate the public about staying safe, while enjoying those and other fun, summertime activities.

The safety tips focus on issues that affect residents, such as pedestrian safety, swimming pool safety, summer storm safety, barbeque and cook-out safety, fireworks safety, preventing Lyme disease and life-saving procedures. Each week the campaign will highlight specific safety topics and can post, “this-just-in” safety information based on what’s going on in the news.

Find it all on the Summer of Safety A to Z webpage at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety>

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>